

SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF ITEM DELIVERY UTILIZING A DELIVERY NOTICE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 Generally described, under on aspect of the invention, a single unique delivery
notice is left at the particular location. However, this notice is "linked" to the parcel(s)
that were undeliverable. This can be done by a handheld portable data acquisition device
that includes a scanning or reading means, allowing information to be acquired from the
delivery notice as well as from the parcels, and stored on the handheld portable data
10 acquisition device. If ten parcels were undeliverable, only one delivery notice is left
behind but is "linked" to all ten packages. The intended recipient can then contact the
delivery service via the Internet (or other suitable network) or by phone, by using
information provided on the delivery notice. By providing the delivery service with
unique information from the delivery notice, the intended recipient can get valuable
15 information regarding the undelivered parcels. Such information can include shipper
name, how many packages from each shipper, time of attempted delivery, COD status,
etc. Arrangements can then be made to have the package(s) redelivered, held at a local
operation center, redirected, or returned.